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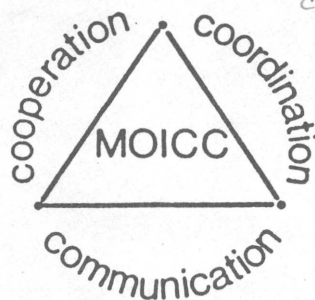
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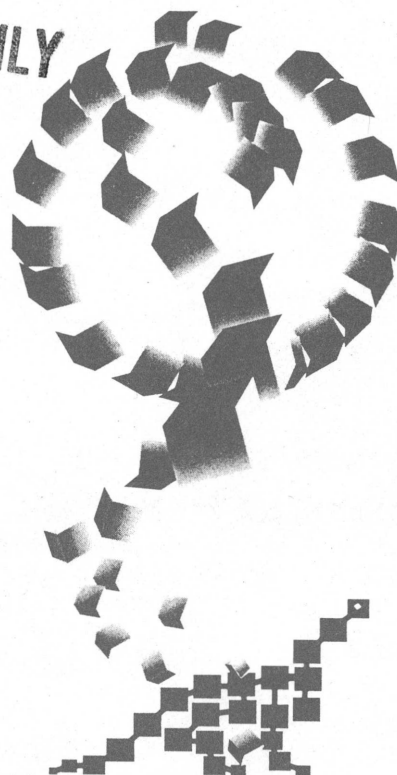
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## SUMMER CONFERENCE PLANS COMPLETE

Registrations have been pouring in for the MOICC'S 14th Summer Conference, **DISMANTLING THE DINOSAUR... UNLEASHING THE GENIUS**, featuring Dr. Anthony F. Gregorc. The conference will be held at Central Maine Technical College in Auburn, Maine on June 22 and 23, 1992. In addition to our in-depth look at the issues facing educators, learners and parents, we will be offering two Refresher courses: *More Polar Bears and Iceholes* with Hank Lunn, a consultant from Camden, and *Hands-On Stress Reduction* with Ida Wilson from Body Works of Hallowell. We will also be having our traditional Monday night feast with lobster, chicken, steak or vegetarian entrees.

It looks like another great professional/personal development experience with food for the mind, body and spirit. If you are involved in school restructuring, preparing people for the workplace of the future, a business leader or involved in personal growth and transformation, get out of the primordial ooze and join us in Dismantling the Dinosaur... Unleashing the Genius.



## ICDM -- A GREAT SUCCESS!

This year's round of Improved Career Decision Making workshops was a resounding success as shown by some of the comments from participants:

"Essential to any career facilitator." "Should be required of all in education." "It provided me with a way to use the tools necessary to assist a client with some career direction and exploration." "Excellent program--Good pace--Stimulating without being overwhelming." "Not just another stuffy training session." "This workshop definitely has improved my attitude toward career development." "Process excellent--it moved--we moved--variety--humor--great fun!"

The participants were from JTPA (19), Adult Education (17), Post-secondary/Technical College (13), counselors (10) and Other (16).

Thanks to all the wonderful participants from the training team: Catherine H. Van Dyke, Consultant; Denis Fortier, MOICC OIS manager; Zark VanZandt, Counselor Educator; and Glenn Mills, Dept. of Labor Senior Research Analyst. We would appreciate your recommending this workshop to your friends and colleagues! We'll be scheduling another round for Fall and Winter 1992-93.

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## **W/ERC OPEN ALL SUMMER**

The Work/Education Resource Center (WERC) operated by the MOICC will be open all summer with all our materials available for loan and preview. Educators and others who may have a lighter summer schedule are encouraged to use the summer months to come to the WERC to review materials or have materials mailed to your summer address. Take advantage of the lull in our schedule and incorporate WERC materials into your summer! Call Cindy Gray at 289-2331 for further information.

## **MAINE WORKS WANTS IDEAS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The MOICC is looking for a few energetic and creative educators and/or community members who are interested in working on the MAINE WORKS Photography Contest. This event is sponsored each fall by the MOICC and the Maine Professional Photographers Association. We would like to convene a committee of interested folks who would assist in promoting broader participation in the contest. If you would like to help, call Stephen D. Thompson at 289-2331.

## **CAREER EXPLORATION WITHIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

The Central Maine Library District is sponsoring two workshops in June on "Career Exploration Within Public Libraries." Stephen D. Thompson of the MOICC staff will present an overview of career development and career information resources appropriate for public libraries and explore strategies for enhancing career-related services in the library.

## **MAINE JOB BOX UPDATE**

During the last year, MOICC staff and research associates from the Division of Economic Analysis and Research of the Maine Department of Labor revised and updated the occupational profiles and indices of the Maine Job Box. A new version of the Box will be released in Fall 1992 containing approximately 300 Maine occupations. MOICC staff will be distributing the Job Boxes at regional workshops scheduled for the Fall. Information will be sent out in September.

## **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AFFECTS AMERICAN BLUE COLLAR WAGES**

In a recent Boston Globe article, economist Andrew Sum of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University discussed wage trends for American blue collar workers. He attributed a decline in real wages for these workers to the effects of international economic competition. Specifically, Mr. Sum said that "... U.S. manufacturers say they have no choice but to hold down costs in order to hang on to market share. That translates to low prices and low wages, a combination that has meant a declining standard of living for blue-collar workers."

Statistics used in his study revealed that American manufacturing productivity increased by almost 27 percent between 1979 and 1989. During this period, however, real wages adjusted for inflation fell by a bit over 8 percent. The benefits of this increase in productivity were largely devoted to lower product prices rather than to higher wages for production workers.

Conversely, Sum's study indicated that wage gains in the service sectors of the economy were greater, but that productivity gains did not keep pace with wage gains. He concluded the article by asking "How do you explain why people in other fields make so much more money, despite their failure to boost productivity? Those are good questions for which there are no good answers."

Source: Charles Stein, "Fraying of the Blue Collar Worker," Boston Globe, April 28, 1992, p. 1, cols. 1-3. Edited by Denis Fortier, MOICC.

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# 16 OCCUPATIONS IN MAINE PROJECTED TO LOSE THE MOST JOBS, 1988-2000

OCCUPATION TITLE	1988 EMPLOYMENT	2000 EMPLOYMENT	LOST JOBS
Electrical Assemblers	2,055	1,420	-675
Industrial Truck Operators	1,960	1,466	-494
Fallers & Buckers	3,321	2,916	-405
Logging Tractor Operators	1,854	1,524	-330
Data Entry Keyers	1,770	1,564	-206
Fishers, Hunters, Trappers	1,315	1,135	-180
Semiconductor Processors	445	308	-137
Shipfitters	753	655	-98
Payroll/Timekeeping Clerks	846	747	-99
Textile Machine Operators	1,828	1,747	-81
Stenographers	663	582	-81
Statistical Clerks	316	256	-60
Sewers, Hand	1,195	1,151	-44
Telephone/Cable TV Installers/Repairers	290	253	-37
Shoe Sewing Machine Operators	2,670	2,637	-33
Typesetting Machine Operators	272	241	-31

Source: Maine Department of Labor, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, Technical Services Monograph JIS-40.

Several factors appear to be responsible for the expected employment decline of these 16 occupations in Maine. Many of these are found in manufacturing industries which are experiencing employment declines through increased automation of manufacturing or assembly processes. Some are directly affected by increased imports of foreign goods which reduce the market share of American-made products. Some others, especially those related to computer or clerical work, are directly affected by changes in the kind of work done through utilization of personal computers within office settings. Still other jobs will be affected by reduced defense expenditures in the coming decade.



## **QUOTES THAT MAKE YOU GO "HMMMM"**

**There's no traffic jam on the extra mile.**

**It's not IQ., it's I Can.**

**Don't be afraid to go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is.**

**Kids don't care what you know, until they know that you care.**

**Children are the living messages you send to a time you will never see.**

**Be what you wish others to become.**

**It's not what you know when you start. It's what you learn and put to good use.**

**The speed of the leader determines the rate of the pack.**

**Winners expect to win in advance. Life is a self-fulfilling prophecy.**

**Two little words that make all the difference--START NOW!**

**The mind is a parachute. It only works when its open.**

**Never confuse activity with productivity.**

**People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do.**

**The only people who like change are wet babies and busy cashiers.**

**Don't ever be afraid to admit you were wrong. It's like saying you're wiser today than you were yesterday.**

**You can't measure the size of a champion's heart with a stopwatch or a measuring tape.**

Source: Renaissance Education Foundation which grants BBS\* degrees to it's workshop participants

\* BBS = Beg, Borrow and Steal

## FROM THE EDITOR:

In keeping with our three year tradition, this issue of NEWSLETTER includes "some, 'er, FUN" to liven up the last days of school or the first days of summer. Post at the water cooler, coffee room, use with restless classes OR as ice breakers for staff meetings. To quote Thomas Edison, "There ain't no rules here. We're trying to accomplish something."

Have fun! Catherine Van Dyke

## MORE BRAINTEASERS

I gave you a break last year, but back by popular demand are a new list of equations.

- 1001 = A N (Arabian Nights)  
 1000 = W that a P is W  
 90 = D in a R A  
 88 = P K  
 57 = H V  
 54 = C in a D (with the J)  
 40 = D and N of the G F  
 29 = D in F in a L Y  
 26 = L of the A  
 24 = H in a D  
 18 = H on a G C  
 13 = S on the A F  
 12 = S of the Z  
 9 = P in the S S  
 8 = S on a S S  
 7 = W of the A W  
 4 = Q in a G  
 3 = B M (S H T R)  
 1 = W on a U  
 0 = D C at which W F

AND A P IN A P T

## WORDLES

These visual displays of well-known words or phrases will exercise your brain.

1. Side Side (answer: side by side)

2. You/Just/Me

3. Ban ana

4. Once  
Time

5. Noon Lazy

6. E C N A L G

7. 2um  
+ 2um

8. H O

9. H I J K L M N O

10. T I M E  
a b d e

11. TIMING TIM ING

12. M C E  
M C E  
M C E

13. WHEATHER

14. M E N T

15. I E C E X C E P T

16. B J A O C K X

17. P A S

18. Your PaAnNtTsS

19. G E S G

20. ISSUE ISSUE  
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Source: Silver Bullets: A Guide to Initiative Problems, Adventure Games, Stunts and Trust Activities by Karl Rohnke.

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## EARNINGS BY EDUCATION AND OCCUPATION

Annual earnings of workers by highest level of educational attainment, 1987					
Occupation group	Total	Less than high school	High School	1 to 3 years of college	4 years of college or more
Average, all occupations	\$21,543	\$15,249	\$18,902	\$21,975	\$31,029
Managerial	30,264	22,306	23,286	27,255	37,252
Professional Specialty	30,116	19,177	23,233	27,458	31,311
Technicians	24,489	16,207	21,358	23,830	28,004
Marketing and sales	22,220	13,746	17,654	22,546	32,747
Administrative support	17,120	15,535	16,554	17,491	20,823
Service	13,443	10,764	13,093	16,937	21,381
Precision production	24,856	20,465	25,140	27,042	30,938
Operators	18,132	15,365	19,303	21,627	22,114
Agriculture-related	11,781	10,571	12,730	16,331	17,130

Source: National information from *Occupational Outlook Quarterly*, Fall 1991